



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

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Dear Madam Speaker:

Pursuant to Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, I am transmitting, herewith, certification of a proposed technical assistance agreement for the export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more.

The transaction contained in the attached certification involves the export of defense services and defense articles, including technical data for the AVDS-1790 Engine Improvement Program for the Israeli Merkava III Main Battle Tank for end-use by the Government of Israel.

The United States Government is prepared to license the export of these items having taken into account political, military, economic, human rights, and arms control considerations.

More detailed information is contained in the formal certification which, though unclassified, contains business information submitted to the Department of State by the applicant, publication of which could cause competitive harm to the United States firm concerned.

Sincerely,

Michael C. Polt
Acting Assistant Secretary
Legislative Affairs

Enclosure:

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The Honorable

Nancy Pelosi,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.